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NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am writing to you regarding the letter by Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey, addressed to you on 1 February 1993 (S/25210), which contains false and malicious allegations that Muslims from the town of Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, have been "ethnically cleansed from their homes by Serbian and Montenegrin paramilitary forces ...".

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, copies of two documents that clearly demonstrate that displacement of the Muslim population in Trebinje was in fact organized and forced by the Party of Democratic Action (SDA), whose leader is Mr. A. Izetbegovic.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex I

SDA
Party of Democratic Action

SDA, Sarajevo, Marsala
Tita Street, [illegible]

To: SDA Trebinje

Our ref.
Your ref.

No. 52/93
Date 01/20 1993

Subject: INSTRUCTIONS ON MOVING OUT FROM TREBINJE

Since the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is getting more complex security-wise by the hour, particularly after Karadzic and his clique from Pale accepted the Geneva documents, in order to fulfil the aspirations of all Muslims and safeguard and consolidate our State, Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is necessary to undertake the following measures as a matter of urgency, in the territory of the Commune of Trebinje:

I

Urge all Muslims, through our activists, particularly those wealthier and more distinguished ones, to move from Trebinje to Montenegro as soon as possible.

II

All property, moveable and immoveable, is to be sold or, if possible, left for safekeeping with reliable Serbs, earlier known to be friends of the Muslims and who oppose Karadzic's renegade policy.

III

If necessary, pressure and force should be applied on Muslims who fail to heed these orders.

IV

Upon arriving in Montenegro, all persons should immediately contact SDA (Party of Democratic Action), Merhamet and our people in the Liberal Alliance of Montenegro and await further instructions from them. All our religious institutions in Montenegro will lend help, and our brethren in Tuzi, Podgorica, Plav, Rozaj and all over Montenegro are waiting for you.

You shall be reimbursed for your property once we achieve the ultimate goal and we will appreciate your sacrifice, which is expected by all the Muslims of the world.

Respectfully,

Esselamu alejkum!

Sarajevo, 20 January 1993

Secretary of SDA
Hasan Cengic, sgd.

Seal of SDA, Sarajevo

Annex II

MUNICIPAL BOARD OF SDA
Trebinje

Appeal

Acting under instructions from the headquarters and in view of this crucial moment for the Muslim people at this time, we appeal to you to act as follows:

The universal principles of the Islamic faith, enshrined in the messages of Allah, oblige us to make our own contribution to the actual creation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a sovereign State, which has been internationally recognized with the help of our friends the world over.

The Serbian-Chetnik armada with its leader Karadzic is seeking to avert us from our holy goals. In an attempt to deceive the world public, particularly now in Geneva, he falsely presents the Muslims from Trebinje to be loyal to the Serbian-Chetnik dictatorship as well as their commitment to the so-called "Serbian Republic" and its military brigandage.

We appeal to you, quietly and carefully, but courageously and in an orderly fashion, to start to temporarily leave our beloved and everlastingly Bosnian-Muslim Trebinje, to which we shall return in triumph, with the help of Allah and might of our State, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that of our friends.

Our present sacrifice, painful as it may appear to the hesitant and ignorant, pales in comparison with what is surely coming to us and much quicker at that.

As a minimum, all Muslims should immediately leave the ranks of the so-called "Army of the Serbian Republic". It is our destiny to share the fate of all of our people and together with our families and other citizens, move to Montenegro.

We assure you that the road ahead of us is not one of uncertainty and suffering because we shall be received by shelter centres where each individual will be treated in a dignified and adequate manner.

Transport to western countries and other destinations has been secured through established channels and the work of our activists from Rozaj and Plav.

All answers or clarifications that you may need will be provided in detail by our activists in Trebinje and shelter centres in Montenegro.

Authorized official of the
SDA Trebinje, sgd [illegible]

Stamp (Party of Democratic Action,
Trebinje, SDA)